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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 21, 27, 29, 30

Part B. for May 1907

SUBJECT.

The Civil Officers' Report re the Royal Artillery practice camp at Biraskandra

Sl No 21] To the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore No 965-6 of 26-2-07 — forwards for information copy of the Civil Officers' report re the Royal Artillery Practice Camp at Biraskandra during June 07

Sl No 27] To the FAR No Pol 830 of 22-3-07 — Prescribes a procedure for ascertaining the Measurement of damages to crops during manoeuvres

Sl No 29] From the FAR No 3441 of 2-5-07 — States that the Genl Officer agrees to the proposal

Sl No 30] To the D.C. Bangalore No 965-78-98-8 — Informs him of the above

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

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FILE HEADING.

Royal Artillery Practice camp ... Bin ... [illegible]

From

The D.C. Bangalore.

No. S 156 Dated 26 1 07 Received 1 3 07

Diary No. 4359	Enclos. 2	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 21

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information copy of Civil Officer mr. A Krishnaswami Iyengar's report re the R.A Practice camp at Bangalore held during Jan. 19

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Dy. Commr in his letter says that he had directed the Civil Officer mr. Krishnaswami Iyengar to draw up a working plan for compensation of crops before starting and that it was accordingly done and afterwards found to

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to answer well. He further suggests that this plan proposed by him may be adopted in future as he has had no complaints from the ryots except one. This plan is explained by Mr Krishnaswami Ayyar in para 3 of his report.

The latter officer complains that the procedure recommended in G.O. no 53325 G.M. Rev. 05-37, viz. that the damages should be noted each day and the compensation settled weekly — is not workable as, according to his statement, "even intelligent men may not understand such nice distinction". It appears that he has found the ryot Panchayatdars unable to estimate the loss of crop in each field ~~weekly~~ ~~day. and that it would be hard to get them to give the~~ Instead, ~~of the above~~ he proposes that the best way would be to estimate the first condition of the crop in annas and to do the same once for all either before harvesting or closing the camp, and thus estimate the loss of crops after due enquiry as to whether it was really on account of Camp and its followers only." It is reported that this plan was adopted this year, and compensation paid accordingly.

~~If this plan is to be~~ A reference to the enclosure

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In Sl. 33 of S.In. 147 of 05 will show that Mr Sundararajiengar, the then Civil Officer during the Camp[aign] season of 1905-06 found the previous plan proposed by the Mil[itary] authorities to work satisfactorily.

If the present proposal is to be adopted a reference to the Residency seems necessary

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27/3/07 HG

What Mr Krishnaswami Iyengar proposes on page 3 of his report is that compensation for damage done to the crops near or around the camp may be paid once for all before the camp breaks up instead of at the end of every week.

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Mr Sundararaj Iyengar made a similar proposal in para 6 of his report of the 7th March 1906, but it was not acceptable to the military authorities (Vide See para 2 of the Residency letter No. 2445 of the 21st April 1906) It is doubtful whether the military authorities would now consent to the proposal when they have already opined that compensation should be settled weekly.

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Let me have, tentatively, a draft of a reply to the D.C.'s request for a change in the procedure as suggested by the Civil Officer. (If the case can be commenced, but I am for reply to the D.C.'s letter, & not the smaller) JL 7/3/07

Draft to the Residency subm. W. 7/3/07

It is however submitted that so long as the compensation is settled on the spot, the military authorities will not be very particular about the procedure adopted. (Please see letter no 3180 dy 4.11.05 from the D.A.A.G. Bangalore Brigade to the J.A. Resident). So the D.C. Bangalore may be informed that as the procedure recommended by him has been tried only once, it is too early to make any reply to the Residency An alternative draft requesting him to make another report after the next camping season is also subm.

V&S 9/3/07

2 alternative drafts are submitted below

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But damage done by the Ors should be brought to the notice of the Camp Commandant - 'al- ones' W 12/3/07 H.L.

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Draft to J.A. Resident may be approved —
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Draft approved by Secy
RO CSB
18/3/07

Done
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27 To J.A. Resident, ~~Pot~~ no Pol 830 of 22.3.07 — With reference to the procedure to be adopted in settling compensation for the damage done to crops during Brigade Manoeuvres, Suggests that the ~~crops~~ condition of the crops might be examined before the beginning of the manoeuvres & once again before ~~the closing~~ the closing of the Camp & the compensation settled once for all, & States that, if the Mily. authorities have no objection to the above procedure will be adopted in future years.

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29	From the J. A. Resident. No. 3441 Dt. 2.5.07 In reply to Sl 27 above states that the Genl. Officer Commanding, Bangalore Brigade, concurs with the proposals made therein. Draft, letter intimating the fact to the DC. Bangalore is submd for appl. 4/5 4/5/07
30	To the D4. Commr., Bangalore No G. 6878 Dt 8.5.'07 — Communicating the contents of Sl 29 above —

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From

The Dy. Commissioner
Bangalore Dist.

To

The Secy. to Govt. of Mysore
Gen. revenue Dept.

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Sl. 21.

Dated 22nd

Despatched 26 January 1907.

Received

General No.

No. 656

Enclosure No. 2

Forwarded for information copy of civil surgeon's report on the R. I. A. Practice camp at Bangalore held during January last.

Bangalore District
Dy. Commissioner's
22nd Dec. 1907.

From H. H. Sparkes Esquire
Dy. Commissioner
Bangalore Dist.

To K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esq.
B.A. B.L
Secy. to Govt. of Mysore
Gen. Secn. Depts.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of report submitted by Camp Officer Mr. A. Venkatarama Iyengar regarding the Royal Field Artillery Practice camp held at Bevanahalli during January 1907. I had directed the Extra Asst Commissioner to draw up a working plan for compensation of crops before starting. He has

accordingly done and it was found to answer well. I think that this method may be adopted in future. I have had no complaints from the Ryots except from one individual who represented that he had not received enough Compensation for the Casuarina plants damaged on his land by the Troops. This will be enquired into and disposed of early.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servant

H. L. Pauly

Dy. Commissioner

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Letter No.140 of the 13/16th February 1907, from A.Krishnamurty Iyengar Esquire, B.A., Acting Extra Assistant Commissioner and Civil Officer, Bangalore District, to H.H.Sparkes Esquire, Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District.

I have the honor to submit the following report regarding the - Royal Field Artillery Practice Camp at Birasandra, during 1907 (January).

As notice was received that the 82nd R.F.A. would first arrive at Birasandra on 8th December 1906, I left Bangalore on 6th December 1906 and arrived at the Camp the same day. I remained in the Birasandra Camp till 26th January 1907, except four days during which I had gone to Bangalore on other special duty. On the 26th January I left Birasandra for Doddballapur to see to the arrangements for the firing on the 28th near Maklidurg. Thence I went to the Nelamangala Taluk and returned to Bangalore on the 7th Instant with Sherwood Foresters and the 126th Rifles.

From the 8th December the Batteries began to come to the Camp one by one. The Regular Practice began on the 6th January 1907 instead of on the 10th idem which was the date of commencement first given, by the Military Department through the Government and closed on the 21st January. The firing went on every day except Sundays.

During the period of encampment two extraordinary events took - place. The first is the assault by some four muleteers of the Transport Corps, on some ryots of Nagadenahalli Village committed on 4th December 1906 on account of some fowls. A full report regarding this has already been submitted by me to you.

The second one is the breaking of one of the female idols of the Narayanaswamy Temple on the hillock of the Kundana village, alleged to have been committed by some soldiers on the 11th January. The villagers could not identify the culprits though they saw some five of them getting down the hillock that evening, and soon after their disappearance they saw one of the female idols of the temple broken and mutilated. I myself went and saw the broken idol and enquired into the details. - When I represented to the Military Department they kindly consented to

pay Rs.50/- Rs.20/- for making a new idol and the remaining money for expenditure on account of the consecration ceremony etc. This money - was received and paid to the Amildar of Devanhalli with a request to see to the replacement of the idol, the villagers bearing any extra -- amount that may be required. A separate report is also submitted for the information of the Muzroy Department as the temple is one enjoying a cash grant of 7 annas and 9 pies per mensem.

On the days of firing some villages had to be evacuated. In all the number of villages evacuated this year was 32 (vide statement) & the total amount of compensation received at 2 annas per head for -- Hindus, Mahamodans and other native population and at Rs.2½ for each adult and Rs.2/- for each child of European descent, was Rs.1,968-10-0 for the Birasandra Camp, 154-12-0 for the Dodballapur Camp and Rs.65-14-0 for the Practice in the Bangalore Taluk. In all Rs.2,189-4-0 for the evacuation of villages.

Since the time of taking the Census and before the date of firing few villagers had died and some had left the villages to go elsewhere. These I found from enquiry when making payments. The amount iz, Rs.26-8-0 on account of such persons was returned to the Military epartment. Thus the net payment made was Rs.2,162-12-0 in all.

In addition to the actual amount paid viz Rs.2,162-12-0 another um of Rs.255-5-0 was drawn and paid to the villagers on account of - amages done to crops by gun-carriages, horses and camp followers, and y making roads to the camp. Hereunder I note a statement for compari sion with last year.

Year	Evacuation of villages					Crop damages			
	No. of days of firing	No. of villages evacuated	Amount of compensation paid			No. of individual cases	Amount		
1906 Jan	12	27	1888	4	-	23	45	9	6
1907 Jan	16	32	2162	12	.	76	256	1	.

Thus it will be seen that the amount this year is greater than that of last year in both cases i.e., evacuation of villages and crop damages. The reason is this. That for evacuation depends on the villages evacuated for the firing and the number of inhabitants they contain. As regards crop damages, last year on account of failure of rains there was failure of crop also. I was told that there was very little crop when the Military operations commenced last year. But this year on account of timely and good rains we had good crops everywhere and the prices also are high. Besides, the number of camping days and the number of days of firing were greater this year. Hence, the number of individual cases also increased, consequently the amount. The above amount of compensation excludes what has been estimated and paid for by the other Civil Officers in the Dodballapur Taluk.

Government Order No.G.5320/G.M.149-Co-37 dated 27/28th April 1906 requires damage to be noted every day and estimated every week if it is done near and around camp. This seems not possible. Even intelligent men may not understand such nice distinction. As such I have found the ryot Panchayatdars unable to tell me the loss of crop in each field every day; besides it would be difficult to get the same Panchayatdars to give us the comparative estimate every day. The best way seems to be to -- estimate the first condition of the crop in annas and so do the same - once for all either before harvesting or before closing the camp, and thus estimate the loss of crops after due enquiry as to whether it was really on account of camp and its followers only.

The procedure which I adopted in estimating the crops this year was as follows :- From enquiry of well known & capable ryots I came to know that the following is the yield per acre if it is a full or 16 annas crop :-

Ragi 6 & 5 Pallas per acre.	
	Sown with other grains
Avaré 3	-------do-------
Savé 1½	-------do-------
Jolum 6	-------do-------
Gram 2 or 2½	-------do-------
Ground nut 1½	-------do------- in sugarcane fields & 50 seers in others.
Sugar-cane 5,000 per acre	
Paddy Punaji 12 Pallas per acre.	

Knowing what a full crop would yield per acre I used to go to the

iels in which damage was alleged to have been committed, then the - ondition of the crop in it was estimated in annas to know whether it as a full crop or a half crop etc., and its yield was calculated in allas per acre in accordance with the estimated yield in an as. After nowing this variable condition of the different fields the extent of amaged ~~position~~ portion was measured if possible and the proportionate damage or the extent damaged was calculated on the ~~field~~ yield of the individual ield per acre and its current price was noted as assessment of the amages.

In conclusion I have to bring to notice that the Amildar of Devan halli Taluk, Mr.C. Krishnama Naidu worked hard during the campin -- eriod. He was ~~ready~~ readily attending to the requisitions of the Military -- fficers and Camp requirements. Though I had asked the Military Autho rities, a fortnight before the breaking of the camp at Birasandra as o whether they would require any carts, and if so, what each battery ould require, they did not give me any answer. But the contractor ho had undertaken to supply them with carts disappointed them at the ast moment and the Amildar of Devanhalli had to supply the same at a ery short notice. I am glad to say that he himself went round to illages and collected the required carts which were more than 480 and supplied them on short notice without giving any cause for complaint rom Military Authorities.

The Subordinate Police and the Police Inspectors Messrs Searle and Vasu-deva Rao also worked hard in getting the villages evacuated. They ere to get notice from Military Department sometimes late in the evening. The subordinates had to move about and inform the villagers in the night only and clear them off from the villages before 6 a.m., of the following day to give line clear to the Military Authorities -- before they commenced firing.

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"C O P Y".

Deputy Commissioner,

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Statement showing the particulars of villages evacuated during the Royal Field Artillery Practice held in January 1901.

Serial No	Name of village evacuated	No. of times evacuated	No. of houses	Amount of Compensation for each time of evacuation	Total amount	Remarks
				Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	
1	Mayasandra	10	125	15 10	156 4	
2	Muddanaikanhalli	9	183	22 14	205 14	
3	Hirigenahalli	8	180	22 8	180	
4	Sonnudanhalli	7	179	22 6	156 10	
5	Chikgollahalli	6	93	11 10	69 12	
6	Rabbanahalli	6	216	27	162	
7	Nandipunda	4	199	24 14	99 8	
8	Gadisettihalli	4	261	32 10	130 8	
9	Jailagere	4	262	32 12	131	
10	Byadarhalli	3	442	55 4	165 12	
11	Raghunathpur	3	42	5 4	15 12	
12	Sonnenahalli	3	58	7 4	21 12	
13	Linganahalli	3	372	46 8	139 8	
14	Arivanahalli	2	349	43 10	87 4	
15	Sanyasihalli	2	54	19	38	Included 8 Banyan Boards. 2 adults 5- 4 children 8-
16	Hosur	2	103	12 14	25 12	
17	Syanappanhalli	2	86	10 12	21 8	
18	Kodapikalli	1	177	22 2	22 2	
19	Konapkatta	1	624	78	78	
20	Koyira	1	450	56 4	56 4	
21	Chinkampanahalli	1	44	5 8	5 8	
22	Peramalhalli	1	11	1 6	1 6	
23	Antarhalli	1	258	32 4	32 4	
24	Allalsandra	1	82	10 4	10 4	
25	Japasihalli	1	209	26 2	26 2	
26	Bachahalli	1	170	21 4	21 4	
27	Malnaikanhalli	1	229	28 10	28 10	
28	Kelanaikanhalli	1	56	7	7	
29	Chokkanahalli	1	89	11 2	11 2	
30	Dandya (Coolies for Range guarding)	1	134	16 12	16 12	
31	Laggere	1	249	31 2	31 2	
32	Malkadavanahalli	1	246	30 12	30 12	
				4	4	

Total amount received for payment 2189-4-

Amount returned to the Military Deptt. 26-8-

Balance paid to the villagers. 2162-12-

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Dy. Commissioner.

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Sl. No. (27)

To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in
Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to refer t para 2 of Mr. Moss King's letter No. 2445 dated 21st April 1906, regarding the procedure to be adopted in settling compensation for damage done to crops during Brigade manoeuvres. It is reported by the Civil Officer on duty in connection with the recent Royal Artillery Practice camp at Birasandra that it is not possible to note down from day to day the damage done to the crops standing on fields close to the camp and estimate the compensation weekly, as he found the ryot-Panchayatdars unable to gauge daily the actual extent of loss in each field and as it is difficult to get the same Panchayatdars to ~~give him~~ a comparative statement each day. It

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is therefore suggested by the Civil Officer that it will be sufficient for the purpose of assesing compensation, to examine the condition of the crops on fields near and around the camp before the manoeuvres begin andto do the same once again just before the closing of the camp, and thus estimate the loss of crops after careful enquiry, as to whether it was due entirely to damage done by the troops during practice and by the camp followers.

In fact a procedure somewhat on the above lines is reported to have been adopted during the current year, and found to work well, andto give satisfaction all round. I am therefore to state that, should the Military authorities have no objection, the procedure indicated above will be adopted in future years.

I haveetc.

Secy to Govt.

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FROM F. RENN , Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 22nd May 1907.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chandrasekhara Iyer's letter No.830, dated the 22nd March 1907, and, in reply, to say that the General Officer Commanding Bangalore Brigade concurs with the proposals therein made, regarding the procedure to be adopted in settling compensation for damages done to crops, etc., during Artillery Practice Camps.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

F. Renn

First Assistant Resident.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 5411

No. G. 6878

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 8.5.07 H R

Signed by Mr. K. Mathai

To

The D.C. Bangalore.

Sir,

With ref^e to your letter no. 656 of 22.2.07 forwarding the Civil Officer's report on the Royal Artillery Practice Camp at Brigasandra held in Jan 07, I am directed to state that the Civil Officer Commanding Bangalore Brigade, agrees to the proposals made by the Civil Officer regarding the procedure regarding the for settling compensation for damage done by troops, viz, settling compensation for damage done by troops, &c during Artillery Practice Camps.

Instead of noting from day today the damage done the crops near, for the purpose of assessing compensation, it will be sufficient to examine the condition of the crops in fields near and around the camp before the manoeuvres begin, and do the same once again just before the closing of the camp, and thus estimate the damage to crops. After enquiry and wherever it was found that actual damage done by the troops during practice and by the camp followers

Thanks &
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Secretary

SUBJECT.

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